



America's Finest City

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



Assessment Engineer's Report

STONECREST VILLAGE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2007

under the provisions of the

**San Diego Maintenance Assessment District Ordinance
of the San Diego Municipal Code**

and

**Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972
of the California Streets & Highways Code**

Prepared For

City of San Diego, California

Prepared By

Boyle Engineering Corporation

7807 Convoy Court, Suite 200

San Diego, CA 92111

(858) 268-8080

June 2006

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Mayor

Jerry Sanders

City Council Members

Scott Peters
District 1 (Council President)

Kevin Faulconer
District 2

Toni Atkins
District 3

Anthony Young
District 4 (Council President Pro Tem)

Brian Maienschein
District 5

Donna Frye
District 6

Jim Madaffer
District 7

Ben Hueso
District 8

City Attorney

Michael Aguirre

Chief Operating Officer

Ronne Froman

City Clerk

Elizabeth Maland

Independent Budget Analyst

Andrea Tevlin

City Engineer

Hossein Ruhi

Assessment Engineer

Boyle Engineering Corporation

Table of Contents

Assessment Engineer's Report Stonecrest Village Maintenance Assessment District	1
Preamble	1
Executive Summary	2
Background	3
District Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2007	4
Bond Declaration	4
District Boundary	5
Project Description.....	5
Separation of General and Special Benefits.....	6
Cost Estimate	6
Annual Cost Indexing	7
Future Subdivision & Development Phasing.....	7
Method of Apportionment	8
Estimated Benefit of the Improvements.....	9
Planning Area Factor	9
Land Use Factor	9
Summary Results	11

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A: Boundary Map & Assessment Diagram
- Exhibit B: Estimated Annual Expenses, Revenues & Reserves
- Exhibit C: Assessment Roll

Assessment Engineer's Report

Stonecrest Village

Maintenance Assessment District

Preamble

Pursuant to the provisions of the "San Diego Maintenance Assessment District Ordinance" (being Division 2, Article 5, Chapter VI beginning at Section 65.0201 of the San Diego Municipal Code), provisions of the "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972" (being Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code), applicable provisions of "Proposition 218" (being Article XIID of the California Constitution), and provisions of the "Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act" (being California Senate Bill 919) (the aforementioned provisions are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Assessment Law"), in connection with the proceedings for the STONECREST VILLAGE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as "District"), BOYLE ENGINEERING CORPORATION, as Assessment Engineer to the City of San Diego for these proceedings, submits herewith this report for the District as required by California Streets and Highways Code Section 22565.

FINAL APPROVAL, BY RESOLUTION NO. _____ ,
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
DIEGO, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ON THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

Elizabeth Maland, CITY CLERK
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Executive Summary

Project: Stonecrest Village
Maintenance Assessment District

Apportionment Method: Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)

	FY 2006	FY 2007 ⁽¹⁾	Maximum ⁽²⁾ Authorized
Total Parcels Assessed:	592	592	--
Total Estimated Assessment:	\$525,551	\$525,551	--
Total Number of EDUs:	1,689.65	1,689.65	--
Assessment per EDU:	\$311.04	\$311.04	\$433.93 ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ FY 2007 is the City's Fiscal Year 2007, which begins July 1, 2006 and ends June 30, 2007. Total Parcels Assessed, Total Estimated Assessment, and Total Number of EDUs may vary from prior fiscal year values due to parcel changes and/or land use re-classifications.

⁽²⁾ Maximum Authorized annual amounts subject to cost indexing provisions set forth in this Assessment Engineer's Report.

⁽³⁾ FY 2006 maximum authorized annual assessment increased by cost indexing factor of 4.01%.

Proposition 218 Compliance: The District was engineered in Fiscal Year 1998 in compliance with Proposition 218. By a ballot proceeding, the single property owner unanimously approved Fiscal Year 1998 assessments, maximum authorized assessments for subsequent years, and provisions for annual cost indexing.

Annual Cost Indexing: An increase of assessments, under authority of annual cost indexing provisions, is required for Fiscal Year 2007.

Bonds: No bonds will be issued in connection with this District.

Background

The Stonecrest Specific Plan (adopted in 1988) proposed development of 318 acres located in the Kearny Mesa Planning Area for office, light industrial, and hotel uses. In 1993, the plan was amended to allow commercial/retail use within the northeastern portion and a golf driving range (under a conditional use permit). Development of these areas has been implemented. The plan was again amended in January 1996 to allow residential development on a portion of the project with a maximum of 1,235 attached and detached residential dwelling units.

In March 1996, Tentative Map 95-0204 was approved. The development plan and map allow for attached and detached residential dwellings in 11 planning areas or lots, open space, and a balance of major streets dedicated to the public. Final Subdivision Map Number 13348 for Phase I was approved in August 1996.

At the request of the developer, enhanced streetscape and landscape improvements (above standard development requirements) were constructed throughout the development. The development includes extra wide parkways, planted medians, mid-block streetlights, community entry monuments, etc.

The City of San Diego (City) conditionally approved of Tentative Map 95-0204 (contained in Resolution Number R-286862), and set terms in an agreement (contained in Resolution Number R-287761 adopted on August 6, 1996) that required the developer to enter into a bonded maintenance agreement, assuring maintenance of all landscaping and appurtenances within the City right-of-way, until such time when a landscape maintenance district, property owners association, or other such mechanism is established for maintenance of all landscaping and appurtenances.

The developer was responsible for the construction and installation of all landscape, lighting, and appurtenances and for the maintenance of all landscaping for a two-year establishment period beginning from the date of acceptance by the City's Park and Recreation Department. At the end of the two-year establishment period, the landscape maintenance shall be turned over to the Stonecrest Village Maintenance Assessment District (District).

California Pacific Homes (original owner of 100% of the parcels

within the District boundary) petitioned the City to form the District on May 24, 1996. The City retained Boyle Engineering Corporation (Boyle) to prepare an Assessment Engineer's Report for the formation of the District. The District was engineered in Fiscal Year 1998 in compliance with Proposition 218. By a unanimous, single property owner vote, the District was approved.

The Assessment Engineer's Report, preliminarily accepted by Resolution Number R-288402 on March 4, 1998, proposed Fiscal Year 1998 assessments, maximum authorized assessments for subsequent years, and provisions for annual cost indexing of the maximum authorized assessments.

District Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2007

This District is authorized and administered under the provisions of the "San Diego Maintenance Assessment District Ordinance" (being Division 2, Article 5, Chapter VI beginning at Section 65.0201 of the San Diego Municipal Code), provisions of the "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972" (being Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code), applicable provisions of "Proposition 218" (being Article XIID of the California Constitution), and provisions of the "Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act" (being California Senate Bill 919) (the aforementioned provisions are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Assessment Law"). This report has been prepared in compliance with Assessment Law.

The purpose of the proposed proceedings and this Assessment Engineer's Report is to update the District budget and assessments for Fiscal Year 2007. The Fiscal Year 2007 assessments proposed within this Assessment Engineer's Report do not represent an increase over the previous year's assessments. Therefore, the vote requirements of Section 4 of Article XIID do not apply to these proceedings.

A public hearing will be scheduled where public testimony will be heard by the Council, and the Council may, at its discretion, adopt a resolution ordering the levying of the proposed assessments.

Bond Declaration

No bonds will be issued in connection with this District.

District Boundary

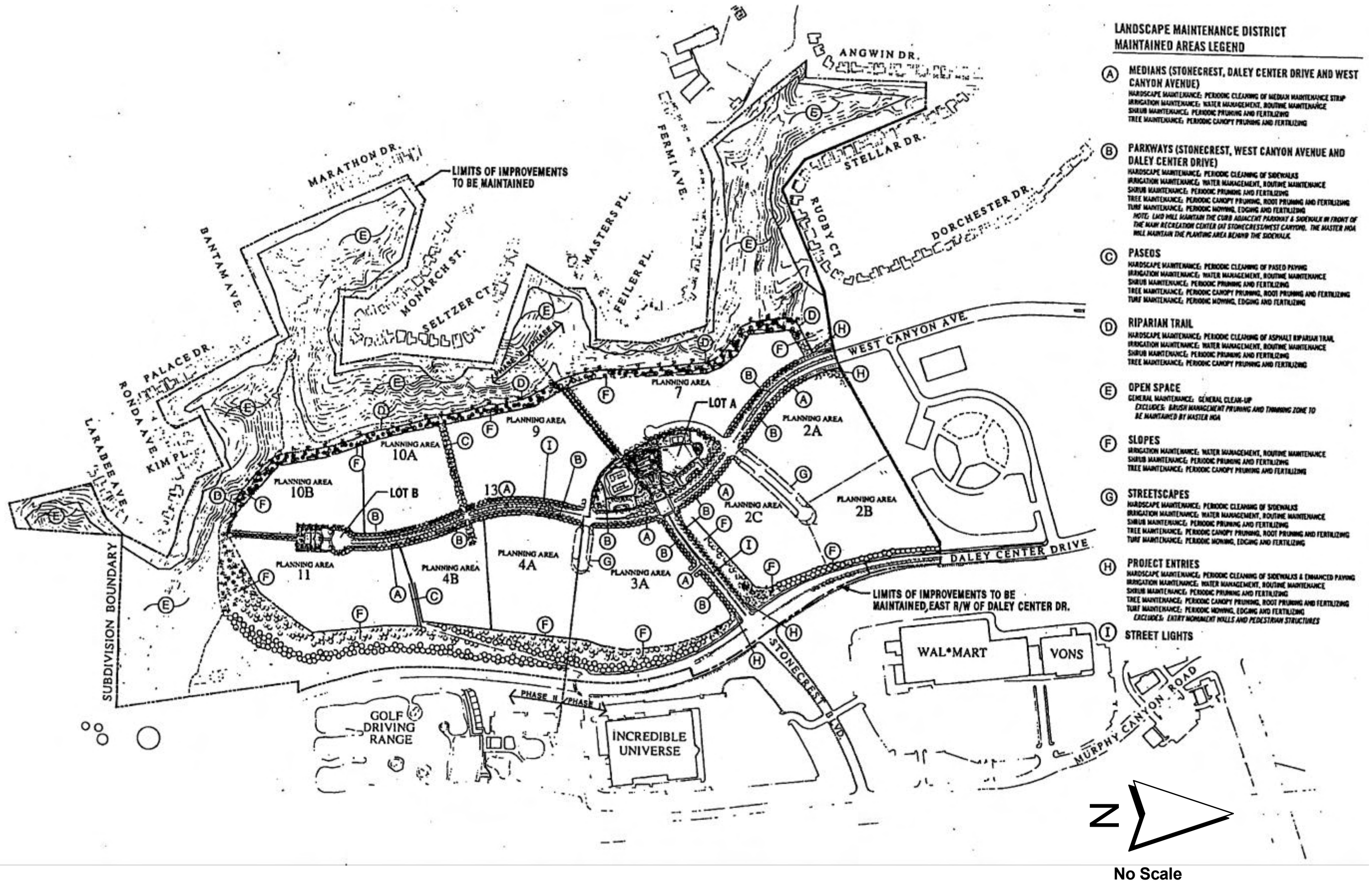
The Boundary Map & Assessment Diagram for the District are on file in the Maintenance Assessment Districts section of the Park and Recreation Department of the City of San Diego and by reference are made a part of this report. The Boundary Map and Assessment Diagram for the District are available for public inspection during normal business hours. A reduced copy of the Boundary Map is included as Exhibit A.

Project Description

The project consists of landscape maintenance and lighting associated with the Stonecrest Village residential development. Figure 1 provides a map of the areas and a description of the elements to be maintained. All improvements and lighting to be maintained fall within the dedicated public right-of-way, open space areas, or landscape easements dedicated to the City.

Due to the phasing of development and the requisite two-year establishment period, maintenance areas will be turned over to the District over a period of several years. The maintenance tasks associated with each area can be found in the legend on Figure 1. The project at ultimate buildout will include maintenance and energy costs associated with the following areas:

A. Medians	0.72 acres
B. Parkways	2.36 acres
C. Paseo	n/a
D. Riparian Trail	0.75 acres
E. Open Space	61.7 acres
F. Slopes	19.7 acres
G. Streetscapes	0.2 acres
H. Project Entries	0.67 acres
I. Streetlights	14 poles/28 lights



The two open space/recreational areas (Lots A & B), and the two associated Paseos (shown on Figure 1) will be maintained by the homeowners association and are not a part of this District.

The engineering drawings for the improvements to be maintained by the District are on file at Map Records in the City Engineer's office and are incorporated herein by reference. The specifications for maintenance to be performed are contained in the City Contract Number L4195/01 which is incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the City Clerk and the Park and Recreation Department. The specifications for the maintenance are available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Separation of General and Special Benefits

Consistent with City policy for the public at large, the City will provide the District with annual contributions from the Gas Tax Fund for median maintenance (29¢ per square foot of landscaped median and 11.81¢ per square foot of hardscaped median) and from the Environmental Growth Fund for open space maintenance (\$34.80 per acre). In addition, the City will contribute for lighting maintenance and energy costs an amount equivalent to that used for City minimum required streetlights (see City Council Policy 200-18 for lighting standards). These cost allocations, reviewed and adjusted annually by the City, are considered to be "general benefits" administered by the District. All other maintenance, operations, and administration costs associated with the District, which exceed the City's contribution to the public at large, are accordingly considered to be "special benefits" funded by the District.

Cost Estimate

Due to phasing of development and the two-year establishment period, costs incurred by the District are anticipated to escalate in three or four distinct incremental steps over the period from Fiscal Year 1998 to Fiscal Year 2007. The estimated cost at ultimate buildout served as the basis for the maximum estimated assessment. Estimated Fiscal Year 2007 annual expenses, revenues, reserves, and assessments (provided by the City) are included as Exhibit B hereto.

Annual Cost Indexing

With the passage of Proposition 218, any proposed increase in assessments must be placed for approval before the property owners by a mail ballot and a public hearing process, similar to these proceedings. A majority of ballots received must be affirmative for the City Council to confirm and levy the increased assessments. For small assessment districts or districts with relatively low dollar assessments, the cost of an engineer's report, balloting, and the public hearing process can potentially exceed the total cost of the increase. These incidental costs of the proceedings can be added to the assessments, resulting in even higher assessments.

Indexing assessments annually to the San Diego Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (SDCPI-U), as approved by the District property owners in Fiscal Year 1998, allows for minor increases for normal maintenance and operating cost escalation without incurring the costs of the Proposition 218 ballot proceedings. Any significant change in the assessment initiated by an increase in service provided or other significant changes to the District would still require the Proposition 218 proceedings and property owner approval.

The maximum authorized assessment established in the Fiscal Year 1998 proceedings are authorized to be indexed (increased or decreased) annually by the factor published in the SDCPI-U. Fiscal Year 2006 was the first year authorized for such indexing. It has been determined that an increase of assessments, as authorized by the cost indexing provisions, is not required for Fiscal Year 2007.

Future Subdivision & Development Phasing

The Stonecrest Village Master Plan was approved for a maximum 1,235 dwelling units. Due to the nature of the housing market, master-planned developments (such as Stonecrest Village) need flexibility to accommodate market demands. The Tentative Map set maximum densities and dwelling units allowed per planning area or lot. However, the conditions of approval allow for transfer of densities from one planning area or lot to another as development occurs.

At the time of District formation, the number of dwelling units and the type of dwelling units (i.e., apartments, condominiums, townhomes, detached single family homes) was not fixed. This flexibility affected

the apportionment of the assessments in two ways: (1) the actual dwelling units to be assessed could only be estimated, and (2) the estimate of benefit to be received was limited to a macro planning area level analysis rather than a micro individual unit level analysis.

Although a maximum of 1,235 dwelling units were approved, the developer estimated that 940 to 1,050 dwelling units would be built. As such, the Assessment Engineer's Report and calculation of the maximum authorized assessment was based on 940 dwelling units.

Phasing of development will cause the annual maintenance cost to the District to increase in several incremental steps as responsibility for maintenance shifts from the developer to the District. Upon completion of the two-year establishment period for the Phase I improvements, the annual cost to the District were estimated to increase to approximately \$145,000. At ultimate buildout, costs were originally estimated at \$341,350. The exact assessment to be levied each fiscal year will be established annually through a process defined by City ordinance, including a public hearing and a City Council action.

The Assessment Engineer's Report established a methodology that accommodates the variable nature of development and enables annual assessments to be calculated for any combination of dwelling units constructed or any annual maintenance cost incurred. However, if the maximum authorized assessment per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) established in the Assessment Engineer's Report is exceeded, a ballot of the owners will be required in accordance with Proposition 218.

Method of Apportionment

The benefits associated with the various improvements were defined and classified as either *uniformly* (equally) beneficial to *all* parcels or *uniquely* beneficial to *specific* parcels (see Table 1). The commonly used Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) method of proportioning costs has been utilized. This method establishes one classification of parcels at a base value of 1.0 and relates other classifications as a fractional ratio to the base classification.

A factor has been calculated for each planning area to account for and apportion benefits uniquely received by parcels within a specific planning area. This factor, combined with the EDU factor based on

land use classification, is utilized to apportion the costs of both uniform and unique benefits in proportion to the estimated benefit received.

Estimated Benefit of the Improvements

All benefits from the improvements are special to this District and are distinct from other parcels in the Kearny Mesa Planning Area and the City of San Diego. As experienced by Carmel Valley, Rancho Bernardo, and other communities, enhanced landscape and lighting have proven to benefit parcels by increasing land values in the communities and creating a sense of community identity and pride. These benefits are experienced by all parcels. However, other benefits can be more directly related to specific parcels. The benefits of District improvements have been defined and summarized in Table 1. The improvements estimated to *uniquely benefit specific parcels* and the respective proportionate costs have been used to calculate a Planning Area Factor.

Planning Area Factor

The Planning Area Factors were determined from a weighted average of all of the uniquely distributed benefits (i.e., those elements estimated to uniquely benefit specific planning areas as shown in Table 1). The resulting factors and a sample calculation can be found on Table 2.

As previously mentioned, development patterns were still in a state of flux at the time the District was formed. As such, the original Planning Area layout may change as development occurs. In the event that one or more of the original Planning Areas are combined with one another, a resultant (weighted) Planning Area Factor will be calculated and employed for assessment apportionment purposes.

Land Use Factor

Land Use Classification Factors were determined by setting a single family detached dwelling at 1.0 EDU and relating other dwelling unit classifications by dwelling unit density, traffic trip generation, population per unit, square footage of floor space per unit, and other

considerations. These considerations yield the equivalency factors as shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Land Use Factors

Land Use/Zoning	Code	Land Use Factor
Residential – Single Family (detached)	SFD	1.0 per dwelling unit
Residential – Townhouse	TWN	0.8 per dwelling unit
Residential – Condominium	CND	0.7 per dwelling unit
Residential – Multi-Family & Apartment	MFR	0.6 per dwelling unit
Open Space (designated)	OSP	0.0 per acre
Street/Roadway	STR	0.0 per acre

Detached single family dwelling units may be sold through a condominium map process rather than through subdivision into individual lots via a final subdivision map process. This event will not cause detached single family dwellings to be classified as a condominium for Land Use Factor purposes.

Converting apartments to condominiums will initiate a change in land use classification, increasing the assessment per unit by the respective Land Use Factors (i.e., from 0.6 EDUs to 0.7 EDUs). The sale of any such apartment unit prior to July 1 of a given year will trigger a change in land use classification for the entire building for the following fiscal year assessment.

Summary Results

The District Boundary is presented in Exhibit A.

An estimate of the costs of the improvements provided by the District is included as Exhibit B to this report.

The assessment methodology utilized is as described in the text of this report. Based on this methodology, the EDUs and Fiscal Year 2007 District assessment for each parcel were calculated and are shown in the Assessment Roll (Exhibit C).

Each lot or parcel of land within the District has been identified by unique County Assessor's Parcel Number on the Assessment Roll and the Boundary Map and Assessment Diagram referenced herein. The net assessment for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2007 can be found on the Assessment Roll.

This report has been prepared and respectfully submitted by:

BOYLE ENGINEERING CORPORATION

Eugene F. Shank, PE

C 52792

Carolyn R. Crull

I, _____, as CITY CLERK of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, do hereby certify that the Assessment as shown on the Assessment Roll, together with the Assessment Diagram, both of which are incorporated into this report, were filed in my office on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Elizabeth Maland, CITY CLERK
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I, _____, as CITY CLERK of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, do hereby certify that the foregoing Assessment, together with the Assessment Diagram incorporated into this report, was approved and confirmed by the CITY COUNCIL of said City on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Elizabeth Maland, CITY CLERK
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

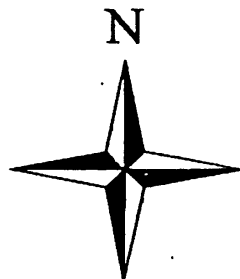
I, _____, as SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, do hereby certify that the foregoing Assessment, together with the Assessment Diagram was recorded in my office on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Hosseini Ruhi, SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXHIBIT A

STONECREST VILLAGE LANDSCAPE & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

BOUNDARY MAP



Scale: 1 in = 500 ft

LEGEND

—— ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- - - - FUTURE LOT LINE

Filed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of San Diego, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 1997.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR, CITY CLERK
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I hereby certify that the within map showing proposed boundaries of Stonecrest Village Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, was approved by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof, held on the _____ day of _____, 1997, by its Resolution No. _____.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR, CITY CLERK
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT B - Estimated Annual Expenses, Revenues & Reserves

Stonecrest Village - Fund No. 70252

	FY 2005 BUDGET	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2007 REVISED
BALANCE FROM PRIOR YEAR	\$ 348,287.00	\$ 427,546.00	\$ 489,750.00
REVENUE			
Assessments	\$ 506,895.00	\$ 525,549.00	\$ 525,551.00
Interest	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,200.00
Environmental Growth Fund	\$ 2,168.00	\$ 2,455.00	\$ 2,833.00
Gas Tax Fund	\$ 3,730.00	\$ 6,688.00	\$ 7,013.00
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 524,418.00	\$ 541,692.00	\$ 540,597.00
TOTAL BALANCE AND REVENUE	\$ 872,705.00	\$ 969,238.00	\$ 1,030,347.00
EXPENSE			
OPERATING EXPENSE			
Personnel	\$ 59,882.00	\$ 60,627.00	\$ 65,638.00
Contractual	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 287,000.00	\$ 587,000.00
Incidental	\$ 68,625.00	\$ 50,195.00	\$ 50,729.00
Utilities	\$ 62,800.00	\$ 62,317.00	\$ 60,100.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 521,307.00	\$ 460,139.00	\$ 763,467.00
RESERVE			
Contingency Reserve	\$ 351,398.00	\$ 509,099.00	\$ 266,880.00
TOTAL RESERVE	\$ 351,398.00	\$ 509,099.00	\$ 266,880.00
BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSE AND RESERVE	\$ 872,705.00	\$ 969,238.00	\$ 1,030,347.00

EXHIBIT C

Due to the size of the Assessment Roll (Exhibit C), only limited copies are available. Please contact the City of San Diego, Park & Recreation Department, Open Space Division, Maintenance Assessment Districts Program at (619) 685-1350 to review the Assessment Roll.